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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

**Yukihiko NANSHO** ✓

Serial No.: 09/846,358 ✓

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For: SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING MATERIAL,  
OUTPUT UNIT FOR INFORMATION ON  
PROCESSING MATERIAL AND OUTPUT  
METHOD FOR INFORMATION ON  
PROCESSING MATERIAL ✓

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Replace the paragraph at page 9, line 24, to page 10, line 1.

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Next explained will be a flow in which a furniture manufacturer, a material supplier or a processor inputs a predetermined data by use of thus arranged system and a flow in which the demander searches material or processing method for a desired commodity based on the input information. Attention is drawn to Fig. 4.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1-4, 6-7 and cancel claims 5 and 8.

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1. (Amended) A processing system comprising a first receiving means for receiving information regarding thinned-out woods and the thinned-out woods production place, a second receiving means for receiving information on available processing, and a third receiving means for receiving information on desired wood material, desired production place of the wood material, and desired processing, further comprising an output means which outputs information